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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ANOTHER ANGOLAN OVERTURE TO US

ANGOLAN PRIME MINISTER DO NASCIMENTO, ON AN UNOFFICIAL
TRIP TO ITALY, ASKED THE GOI TO PASS A MESSAGE TO THE USG
REQUESTING US AGREEMENT TO ANGOLAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN.
DO NASCIMENTO SAID THAT:

--ANGOLA WANTS TO USE THE UN TO OPEN COMMUNICATIONS
NOT ONLY WITH THE US BUT WITH OTHER STATES.

--ANGOLA INTENDS TO BE INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED.
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--IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE US TO HAVE ANGOLA IN INTERNATIONAL FORA WHERE SUCH ISSUES AS SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE DISCUSSED.

--THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE ARE NOT ANTI-US, BUT COULD BECOME SO IF THE US PERSISTS IN ITS WAYS.

CONCERNING THE SECRETARY'S RHODESIAN INITIATIVE, EMBASSY ROME REPORTS THAT DO NASCIMENTO'S ATTITUDE WAS "STIFF AND

MILITANT." HE MAINTAINED THAT THE NEED IS NOT FOR MAJORITY RULE AS SUCH, BUT FOR A TRANSFER OF POWER TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE ITALIAN MFA FEELS THAT MUCH OF ANGOLA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SECRETARY'S PLAN DERIVES FROM THE RELATIVE PROMINENCE OF THE USG IN THE SCHEME, AND THE RELEGATION OF ANGOLA TO A MINOR ROLE. SINCE THAT PROBLEM SEEMS ON THE WAY TO RECTIFICATION, ONE MAY EXPECT TO SEE A LESS CRITICAL, MORE RELAXED ANGOLAN ATTITUDE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 16418, 10/6.

2. ZAIRE: NATIONALIZATION WASN'T THE CURE

THE GOZ, HAVING PERCEIVED ITS POLICY OF ZAIRIANIZATION AS A PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, IS NOW PROCEEDING PRECIPITOUSLY IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE DIRECTOR BISENGIMANA TOLD A MEETING OF BUSINESSMEN THAT:

--PRIOR OWNERS ARE NOW FREE TO TAKE OVER THEIR COMPANIES, WITHOUT ANY RED TAPE.

--IF A PRIOR FOREIGN OWNER DOES NOT WANT TO RESUME OWNERSHIP, THE FIRM CAN PERMIT ANOTHER FOREIGN FIRM TO DO SO.

--THE REQUIRED 40 PERCENT ZAIRIAN SHARE CAN BE ARRANGED OVER AS MANY AS FIVE YEARS.

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--NEW INVESTMENT WILL REQUIRE 40 PERCENT ZAIRIAN PARTICIPATION.

--PLANTATIONS ARE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THE NEW POLICY.

EMBASSY KINSHASA REPORTS THAT GULF AND PERHAPS WARNER-LAMBERT MAY DECLINE TO REENTER THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SINCE THE EXPULSION OF EXPATRIATES BEFORE LOCAL TALENT WAS AVAILABLE TO TAKE THEIR PLACE CAUSED A DECLINE IN ECONOMIC SERVICES, THEIR RETURN SHOULD BRING IMPROVEMENTS. IF THE RETURNING EXPATRIATES BECOME TOO VISIBLE, HOWEVER, THIS COULD CAUSE RENEWED RESENTMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINSHASA 8420, 10/6.

3. OCCIDENTAL TO CEASE SOUTH AFRICAN MINERAL EXPLO- RATION

OCCIDENTAL MINERALS CORPORATION (OMC) PLANS TO TERMINATE ALL MINERALS EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. OMC PRESIDENT PAUL BAILLY TOLD CONGEN JOHANNESBURG ON OCTOBER 4 THAT THE DECISION, WHICH HE TERMED "IRREVOCABLE", HAD BEEN MADE BY THE PARENT COMPANY, OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM, PURELY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. ALTHOUGH OMC'S BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA APPEAR TO BE EXCELLENT, BAILLY SAID HIS SUPERIORS "FORESEE A POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO THE BLACK RANKS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO SUCH AN EXTENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAT ANY INVESTMENT BY OCCIDENTAL WOULD BE TOO GREAT A RISK."

CONGEN COMMENT: OCCIDENTAL IS ACCUSTOMED TO RISKS OF MANY TYPES. GIVEN THEIR EARLIER FAVORABLE ASSESSMENTS OF RISKS IN SOUTH AFRICA, WE WONDER IF THEY HAVE SOME OTHER REASON FOR PULLING OUT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) JOHAN-
NESBURG 1728, 10/7.

4. DENKTASH'S VIEWS ON CYPRUS SITUATION

IN A CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD, TURKISH
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CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH:

--TERMED THE SECRETARY'S CYPRUS PRINCIPLES AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE 1975 VERSION, ESPECIALLY IN THE TREATMENT OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON AN EQUAL BASIS AND THE LINKAGE OF ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS AND TERRITORY;

--INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS KIND OF INITIATIVE WAS INADVISABLE AT THIS STAGE SINCE IT SIMPLY, BUILDS UP MAKARIOS AND POSTPONES THE GREEK CYPRIOTS COMING TO GRIPS WITH REALITY; AND

--ANTICIPATED EARLY SIGNATURE OF PROCES-VERBAL VIRTUALLY EXCLUDING UNFICYP FROM NORTHERN CYPRUS,

AND WELCOMED THE IMMINENT TRANSFER OF THE FORCE
COMMANDER. (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 3143, 10/7.

5. LOCKHEED REARS ITS HEAD IN BRAZIL

THE ESTADO DE SAO PAULO ON OCTOBER 6 CARRIED A FRONT PAGE
STORY CLAIMING THAT A USG SOURCE HAD TOLD FOREIGN
MINISTER SILVEIRA THAT SEC INVESTIGATIONS HAVE REVEALED
QUESTIONABLE LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO BRAZILIAN COMPANIES.

QUESTIONABLE LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO BRAZILIAN COMPANIES.
ANOTHER SAO PAULO PAPER REPORTED THAT COMMERCE SECRETARY
RICHARDSON HAS INFORMED SILVEIRA THAT THE SEC IS LOOKING
INTO LOCKHEED ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THAT
LOCKHEED WILL SUBMIT A REPORT IN NOVEMBER. (CONFIDENTIAL)
BRASILIA 8615, 10/6.

6. PLO REQUESTS FAO REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

THE PLO OBSERVER AT THE FAO NEAR EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE
IN AN OCTOBER 6 SPEECH REQUESTED FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE
REGION FOR THE PLO. THE US OBSERVER DELEGATION REPORTS
THAT SUPPORT FOR SUCH A MOVE IS NOT UNANIMOUS AND THAT
FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA OPPOSES IT. SAOUMA TOLD THE
DELEGATION THAT SHOULD A RESOLUTION GRANTING MEMBERSHIP
BE SUBMITTED, HE WILL CALL UPON FAO LEGAL COUNSEL DOBBERT
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